



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION NO. 17 KBB 2005

SPECIAL ELECTION - FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEAL

WHEREAS, an anticipated vacancy exists in the office of judge, Court of Appeal, Fifth Circuit, First District, Division B, due to the March 11, 2005, prospective resignation of the Honorable Sol Gothard, effective August 31, 2005; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 18:583(C) and (D) and 621(A)(2) and (3) mandate that the governor shall call a special election to fill an anticipated vacancy in an existing judgeship when more than twelve (12) months of the term remain unexpired, in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 18:621(A)(3) and/or the dates for elections set forth in R.S. 18:402;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: A special primary and a special general election shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of the Fifth Circuit, First District, Division B, for the purpose of electing a judge to fill the prospective vacancy in the office.

SECTION 2: Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for said office shall file a notice of candidacy, accompanied either by a qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form, and under the procedures and conditions, provided by R.S. 18:461, *et seq.*, and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, R.S. 18:1, *et seq.*, during the period commencing on Wednesday, August 10, 2005, and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 12, 2005.

SECTION 3: The special elections shall be held and conducted under the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, R.S. 18:1, *et seq.*

SECTION 4: The primary election shall be held on Saturday, October 15, 2005, and the general election shall be held on Saturday, November 12, 2005, at the times and places, and in the manner, prescribed by law.

SECTION 5: The secretary of state, parish board of supervisors, clerk of court, registrar of voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of the Fifth Circuit, First District, Division B, are hereby authorized, requested, directed and empowered to exercise every lawful function and to do every act necessary to conduct said special elections, to cause the returns thereof to be made, to canvass and promulgate the results thereof, and to perform all related and incidental functions thereto.



**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**

/S/ Fox W. McKeithen
SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 13th day of April, 2005.

/S/ Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA